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SUBJECT: HKG REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM NIDA

1. LETTER OF OCTOBER 28 FROM NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER E.I. LEE RECEIVED BY NIDA DIRECTOR, DR. ROBERT DUPONT, NOVEMBER 2. PLEASE INFORM COMMISSIONER LEE NIDA REGRETS IT WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR PROPOSED VISIT TO US BY HKG OFFICER MISS WU POW-MING. PLEASE CITE FOLLOWING REASONS FOR NIDA DECISION: A) ALL NIDA FUNDS FOR INTER-NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DURING REST OF CALENDAR 1977 ALREADY COMMITTED; AND B) IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF MISS WU MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR NIDA TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO SUPPORT HKG REQUEST. IN RELATION TO LAST POINT CONGEN
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MAY CITE FACT THAT NIDA DOES NOT YET (NOVEMBER 4) HAVE FY 1978 APPROPRIATION. THUS, NIDA'S PROGRAMMATIC FLEXIBILITY IS VERY LIMITED AT PRESENT.

2. IF HKG WISHES TO USE ITS OWN RESOURCES TO SUPPORT MISS WU'S PROPOSED VISIT TO US, NIDA WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL MEETINGS WITH NIDA STAFF AND OTHERS.

PLEASE ADVISE IF HKG WISHES SUCH ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

3. NIDA ALSO REQUESTS THAT CONGEN EXPLAIN TO COMMISSIONER LEE THAT INCREASED FOREIGN INTEREST IN DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION ACTIVITIES IS REQUIRING NIDA TO REASSESS ITS STRATEGY FOR TARGETING ITS VERY LIMITED RESOURCES. CONSEQUENTLY, FUTURE NIDA/HKG COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF THIS REASSESSMENT, AND NIDA WOULD LIKE TO DEFER FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN COMMISSIONER LEE'S LETTER UNTIL DR. DUPONT'S PLANNED VISIT TO HK IN MID-JANUARY (FOLLOWING EA NARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE). AT THAT TIME, THE LEVEL OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND THE LIKELY DEMANDS AGAINST THEM WILL BE CLEARER. VANCE

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